

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A digital broadcasting receiving apparatus, having a receiving circuit for receiving a transmitted high frequency signal of a plurality of time division multiplexed programs, comprising an electric field strength detector for detecting the strength of an electric field, error ratio measuring circuit for measuring errors in received data packets, operation starting point controlling circuit that varies an operation starting point of a variable gain circuit to start operation from a decreased power level which is lower than a power level used when measuring the electric field strength and errors in response to the detected electrical field strength being above a predetermined electric field threshold and the measured errors in the received data packets being above a predetermined error threshold.

2. (Previously Presented) The digital broadcasting receiving apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein a parameter switch timing generating circuit controls a switch in response to the detected electrical field strength, wherein the switch switches between a vertically polarized antenna and a horizontally polarized antenna.

3.-8. (Cancelled)